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SENATOR KREMER: --the number of Soil and Water Conservation districts. No, they are not in existence anymore, they were changed. They would spring up, most of the time they were on a county basis. We do not have them anymore and we do have 24 Natural Resource Districts by law.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And who do they report to on anything?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, the number then is not reported because we know the number. As I understand it,--

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, maybe that's so. Then, do they report, the 24, outside of numbers, on their operations to anybody.

SENATOR KREMER: Maybe I don't understand your question. As I understand it we've got 24 districts established by law, Natural Resource districts, and they cannot be changed. There is no--no other districts can come into being, because the law stipulates how many there are.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright. Are they self-serving to the point they only report to the directors who operates these districts.

SENATOR KREMER: They operate under the guidelines of the Natural Resources Commission, that is the old Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And then do they--you are saying that the commission itself doesn't have the responsibility to report to the state, for example, on the activity of the--

SENATOR KREMER: Oh yes, the activity, but it says the number. I will certainly be glad to bracket the bill, Senator Carpenter. I'd be glad to check into it with you, but this is the way I understand it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move we pass the bill over.

SENATOR KREMER: I'll second the motion.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, the chair didn't catch your motion. Did you say you wanted to bracket the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just so he and I can get together to see if we are in agreement.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter is asking unanimous consent to bracket the bill. Are there any objections to bracketing the bill? Senator Nore, do you object? So ordered, then. The bill is bracketed. Senator Nore, we are off of 188 now because it's bracketed. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NORE: A point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER: State your point.

SENATOR NORE: We have--I have a bill, LB 95, which is on General File which will require each Natural Resource district to send a representative to each county board in the areas they levy taxes in to explain the budget. As it is now, they are rather autonomous. This would require them to report to each county board in which they operate. We have't decided yet whether it will be at the annual meeting or sometime during the year before they set their budget. LB 95.

SPEAKER: We'll move on to the General File consideration of LB 12. Senator Chamber's bill. The clerk will read LB 12.

CLERK: Read title. LB 12. There are committee amendments, Mr. President, by Senator Chambers' Government Committee.